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This is a decision on the request for a corrected patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b), received on July 27, 2007, for the above-identified application

The request is DISMISSED.

Applicant requests that the application be republished because the patent application publication contains a material error on the front page of the application wherein the inventor's last name Höss is misprinted as Hoss.

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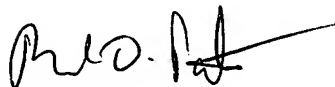
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